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CHAIRMAN HOLLOWAY STATEMENT ON SALE OF MIDWEST AIRLINES

Mix of competitive airlines will benefit travelers in Milwaukee County and beyond

Milwaukee, WI – Milwaukee County Board Chairman Lee Holloway released the following statement in response to the announced sale of Midwest Airlines to Republic Airways:

“Midwest Airlines is a great corporate citizen in Milwaukee County. Midwest has served Milwaukee County travelers with class for the past 25 years. As our largest tenant at General Mitchell International Airport, Milwaukee County has a vested interest in seeing Midwest continue as a valuable member of our business community.

“In the business world, times change. Midwest Airlines is doing what is necessary to adapt to the current marketplace. I am pleased that Republic Airways plans to continue operating the Midwest brand and the Milwaukee hub. I applaud Republic for preserving jobs in Milwaukee County, and wish them all the best in serving our airport for decades to come.

“It’s clear that the efficiency and effectiveness of General Mitchell International Airport make it a desirable place for airlines to add service. This morning, Supervisor Michael Mayo, Sr., and I welcomed Southwest Airlines to Milwaukee. Earlier this year, we approved a large expansion for AirTran Airways. Competition resulting from this mix of airlines, including the operations of Midwest and Republic, will create benefits for travelers, including lower fares and more frequent flights.

“Outgoing Midwest CEO Timothy Hoeksema ran a great company. I wish him and his entire team all the best as Midwest moves into this next chapter. As Chairman of the County Board of Supervisors, I look forward to working with Republic Airways to make sure that Milwaukee County remains a good place to do business and serve the flying public.”

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